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United Way's 2-1-1 To-Go will be at Senior Center October 14

Information and referral for community resources, sign up for Special Needs Registry and more

The Town of Estes Park's Senior Services Division has partnered with United Way's 2-1-1 To-Go program to bring 2-1-1 office hours to the Estes Park Senior Center, 220 Fourth Street, on Tuesday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Citizens are encouraged to drop by and meet United Way's information and referral specialists, learn more about United Way's 2-1-1 program and get personal assistance with questions on community resources. United Way 2-1-1 staff can also assist to enroll citizens in the Special Needs Registry onsite that day.

According to United Way, "2-1-1 is your Community Connection to Services. United Way's 2-1-1 Call Center utilizes highly trained information and referral specialists who assist the public and give answers regarding community services in times of peace and disaster. You can simply dial 2-1-1 on your telephone to reach the Call Center. If you are looking for information on aging services, disaster recovery, donation referrals, clothing, food, housing & utility assistance, health & medical needs or legal assistance among other topics or needs – 2-1-1 is the resource to use."

There are several other ways to reach United Way 2-1-1:

- Dial 2-1-1 or 970-407-7066 from a home or office phone;
- Outside of Larimer County 1-866-485-0211;
- E-mail: connect211@uwaylc.org;
- Visit the Estes Park Senior Center on Tuesday, October 14 between 9 a.m. to noon to meet with specialists and ask questions in person.

Please note that 2-1-1 is for NON-emergency assistance only. Callers needing emergency medical, fire or police aid should always call 9-1-1. If you are hearing impaired you can reach 2-1-1 by calling Relay Colorado (7-1-1) or 1-800-659-2656.

Citizens may also sign up for the Special Needs Registry (SNR) on October 14. The SNR is a database in Larimer County used to see who may need extra assistance in the event of an emergency or disaster. If you or someone you know can answer YES to any of the following questions, the SNR could be for you:

o Do you use life-supporting devices (oxygen, ventilator, feeding tube, etc.) that require electricity?

- o Have you had a stroke or a head injury? Do you suffer from dementia or Alzheimer's disease?
- Are you paralyzed in any way or bedridden?
- Are you dependent on an assistive device (walker or wheelchair) to move around?
- o Do you suffer from mental illness (anxiety, depression, or schizophrenia)?
- Would you need special transportation in the event of a disaster or evacuation (4WD, ambulance or wheelchair accessible vehicle)?
- o Do you use service animals to assist you in day-to-day activities?

For more information, please contact the Estes Park Senior Center at (970) 586-2996 or visit the Center at 220 Fourth Street, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please visit the Senior Center website at www.estes.org/seniorcenter. To receive Senior Center news in your e-mail inbox, please e-mail lmitchell@estes.org.

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